

## U. S. Trade at 19-Year High

### War Business Has Boosted Foreign Trade

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE

AP Feature Service Writer

WASHINGTON — War business boosted Uncle Sam's favorable foreign trade balance in 1940 to the highest peak in 19 years, but commerce experts were dubious as to its value to this country in the long run.

Exports for the twelve months ending September 1 (the first year of the war) were valued at \$4,016,000,000, a 37 per cent increase over the preceding year. Imports aggregated \$2,600,000,000, giving the U. S. trade margin of \$1,400,000,000.

Government economists point out that most of this business is artificial war trade, our normal markets in continental Europe having been eliminated or curtailed.

Britons Buy Our Goods

Most striking gains of the year were

in the shipments to British countries and to Latin America. In July and August, the United Kingdom alone took more than one-third of the total U. S. exports, as compared with one-sixth in the same period of 1939; the United Kingdom and Canada together took more than one-half; British countries, as a group, took nearly two-thirds.

Our exports to all of the 20 Latin American republics increased, the aggregate value of \$553,172,000 for the nine months of the war up to June 1 being 51 per cent greater than that of the preceding corresponding period. At the same time our imports from Latin America amounted to \$459,837,000, an advance of 31 per cent.

Thus the balance of merchandise trade, since 1938 adverse to our southern friends, tended to become more unfavorable to them.

Trade authorities say it is fast becoming a question not of what we can sell to Latin America but what we can buy from those countries to provide them with dollars to keep purchasing our products.

Europe normally supplies 50 to 55 per cent of the import needs of Latin America. The war forced buyers in that region to turn to the United States.

Germany Loses Trade

Greatest increase in our exports to South America were in the commodities

## 'Land of Free' Becomes Home

### Talent of Used-To-Be Nations Comes to America

By JOHN SELBY

Associated Press Arts Editor

In theory music, literature and art have been moving west for a couple of centuries, into the "fresh" territory of the United States. This last year the movement continued, but it was wholly physical. The artists moved, not the arts.

They left Europe sterile, battling Russia, in music. Most of them had to leave, few wanted to. The United States, which used to be a wonderful place for the great in European art to pick up many thousands of dollars in a comparatively short time, now is home.

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## BLEVINS

Don Botsford of Los Angeles, Calif., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Carl Zumwalt, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Brunson of Memphis, left for their home there Wednesday after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brunson.

J. L. Houser of Chanute Field, Ill., spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Inez Houser.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Loe and children of Oakland, Calif., are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Loe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wade and daughter, gave of Little Rock are

interesting. Refugee writers will have

gotten rid of their sea legs, and there

will be more money to be spent on

books. Composers will have worked

more deeply into the texture of American

life, and executants in music will

probably have larger audiences as the

defense program releases still more

money. The same is true of painters

and their cousins, although the purchase

of art works usually involves larger

sums, and for that reason the lag

between production and consumption

is greater.

guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hosen and daughter of Texas spent Christmas here with Mrs. P. M. Hosen.

Mrs. J. W. Jones S. A. Supervisor of Hope was visiting to business in Blevins Friday morning.

Cecil Moore, Fort Sill, Okla., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris and children of Arkadelphia spent Christmas here with Mrs. P. M. Hosen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Freyberger spent Christmas at Texarkana with their daughter, M. O. Baynham and Mr. Baynham.

Mrs. Albert Dye, Alfred of Prescott were visiting here Thursday.

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war it has special possibilities.

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**WE, THE WOMEN**  
Tell Him He's Wonderful—But Make Him Live Up to It  
By RUTH MILLETT  
The woman who can make her husband think he's wonderful stands a good chance of keeping him through the years—but it's the woman who makes a husband, at least in part, live up to her "You're wonderful" talk who has a man worth keeping.  
You know—everybody does—the man whose wife feeds his ego so well that he is convinced he is wonderful, only nobody else is convinced of it.  
Year by year he grows into more of a stuffed shirt. His wife has him for keeps, probably, but she hasn't got very much at that.  
Temperamentally intelligent woman who uses just as much flattery, but with enough subtlety and intelligence so that she encourages her husband to develop his potentialities.  
She uses judgment in handing out her praise. If her husband takes up some new interest, she tells him how smart he is to do it. But she doesn't chime in with "You're right!" the minute his interest begins to lag and he starts to give it up.  
When she is disappointed in him she lets him know it, without tearing down his ego too much. No man minds being told that with his superior intelligence and ability he could be doing better than he is.  
Nor does she tell him he's right when she thinks he is wrong about a business matter. She gently points out the other side, and lets him take a look at it.  
No One Likes a Stuffed Shirt  
Praise and encouragement and "you are wonderful" talk are fine. But if a woman just hands them out without any thought or any integrity, she can make a conceited bore out of a man in no time.  
There's not much point in a wife's holding onto a man if her method of holding him turns him into a stuffed shirt who is no fun at all to have around.

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**Bruce Catton Says:**  
By BRUCE CATTON, NEA Washington Correspondent  
WASHINGTON — Gov. Culbert L. Olson of California rolled one right down FDR's alley when he called for a regional federal authority like TVA for the vast Central Valley project in California. Nevertheless, candid New Dealers are a bit skeptical of the plan's chances.  
In the first place, a bill setting up such an authority would have to get by congress—which wouldn't be easy. Stalwart public-power men like Senator Norris and Congressman Rankin have saved TVA from repeated attacks, but putting over a brand-new project in a different part of the country would be tougher.  
Beyond that, the Central Valley Authority—even if it did get congress blessing—would face a huge problem in connection with getting its electricity into the consumer's hands.  
Three Roads All Rocky  
Power distribution systems all up and down the Central Valley area are tied up in the huge network of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. A public power authority operating in the valley could do one of three things—duplicate this distribution system, at great expense and likely on a non-profit basis, acquire P. G. E.'s lines by a tedious, expensive and uncertain process of condemnation, or simply sell power at the dams to P. G. E. for transmission and resale.  
Public-power people don't like any of these prospects. As one friend of Governor Olson's plan sums it up: the expense of the first alternative would practically ruin the project's chances, the legal battles incident to the second might last for 10 years, and adoption of the third course would benefit a private corporation considerably but would do little directly for the public.  
Nevertheless, Central Valley's potentialities are enormous, and with FDR giving Olson's idea the okay the plan will undoubtedly be pushed.  
So far, Central Valley has remained a Bureau of Reclamation proposition. (Just incidentally, Reclamation is in the Interior Department, and getting Secretary Ickes' consent to the removal of the project may not be a simple job either.)  
Basically, the works now underway are aimed at flood control and a general redistribution of the valley's water resources. In effect, it calls for elimination of flood perils in the Sacramento river and a siphoning of stored-

**Take It Standing Up**  
MONMOUTH, Ill. — (AP) — Youthful pranksters, hoping for a holiday, coated the seats in Wallace hall at Monmouth college with lubricating oil. But school officials just asked the first hour class to stand while the seats were cleaned. Business went on as usual.  
In Italy, members of the staffs of first-class hotels, bars, and restaurants, must speak at least two of three languages (English, French, and German) in addition to their native tongue.

**'Stiff Neck' Looser Than He Thought**  
RATON, N. M. — (AP) — "My neck is a little stiff," complained D. B. Boyd as he walked into the office of Dr. E. Donovan.  
"It's got good reason to be," replied the doctor, after examination.  
Boyd, a volunteer foreman, had a heavy door slammed against him while he was fighting a blaze. He had injured neck 10 days before, complaining Dr. Donovan.  
Now it's a month or six weeks in the hospital.

**Old Glory on the Seas Again**  
Four years ago, when the Merchant Marine Act was passed, some people said, "There goes a lot more money down the rat hole."  
But now the ships are coming off the ways at a one-a-week rate, and they look good. They are putting Old Glory back on the seas on something of the scale of Clipper days, and they give the Navy the kind of auxiliary ship backing that it must have.  
Suppose the United States had confronted its preparedness emergency six months ago with no more foresight in regard to ships than it showed before the World War! Then 90 per cent of American commerce was carried in foreign ships; we literally had no merchant marine worthy of the name.  
Even when the new construction program got under way two years ago, the United States merchant fleet was 90 per cent obsolete. But because we passed the act in 1936 and began active construction in 1938, what a different picture greets us today:  
Of 179 ships whose construction began in 1938, 84 have been completed and are now in service. The fine new American ships are appearing in ports and on shipping lanes that almost never saw the American flag before.  
When these ships are all completed, the United States will have a new fleet of 1,500,000 tons, all built to naval specifications, including the only tanker fleet capable of steaming at naval fleet speed and big enough to keep a naval force at sea indefinitely.  
More than 100,000 men are now at work in 23 American shipyards operating some 84 shipways.  
Most of these ships are unspectacular, but beautiful, seaworthy, fast, and efficient. The American finest passenger liner ever built in the western hemisphere, is not equal in size to leviathans like the Queen Mary or the Normandie, but the usefulness of such ships is open to question, and for its size the America has no superior in the world. Two more such ships are planned for the Pacific passenger trade, both built so as to be quickly convertible into airplane carriers.  
While the shipping of the world goes down in the whirl-pool of war, America is building ships to do the world's hauling. They are a vital auxiliary of defense, and a hope for future trade and travel. They are a living demonstration that foresight pays.

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I'LL GRAB HIS DOUGH! YOU BUMP HIM OFF!  
AW, CU OUT THE MUH!  
PRETTY GLADSTONE! KISS PRETTY GLADSTONE!  
IT LOOK LIKE A BAD NIGHT COME UP FOR JAKE =

**with . . Major H. Ople**  
GLADSTONE WILL GO INTO THIS BOX SWELL! AN' IT JUST FITS UNDER UNCLE JAKE'S BED!

**Highlights from Latest Books**  
Omaha Poetess Scores Triumph In 'Father De Smet'  
Probably neglected in the holiday book flood, for it came out late and with little trumpeting, was Helene Magaret's "Father De Smet" (Farrar and Rinehart; \$3). But there should be calls for it long after the best-sellers and the luxury gift volumes of 1940 have been laid aside.  
People are going to find this biography because Helene Magaret is a story teller to warm your heart. As a child she heard dramatic tales of prairies and pioneering "from the lips of grand-parents who came to the Missouri river when Omaha was hidden in the dust kicked up by horse-thieves galloping by on stolen ponies." She seems never to have forgotten them. All of the color, the sweep, the sounds, the sights of the frontier prairie have gone into "Father De Smet."  
Father Pierre Jean De Smet was a hero of the western wilderness, priest of the Rockies. Alone, he dared to cross the untrodden wastes in winter (between 1840 and 1847 he covered 50,000 miles in his ministry); alone he went among the Indians, brought them closer to God and brought the red men and white men closer, also. Washington sought his services to quiet the Sioux, the Fatheads sought him to make peace with the Blackfeet. He fought cholera and ignorance and frontier cupidity, whiskey and hate, and left an imperishable trail.  
Yet he is scarcely known.  
"It was three years without receiving a letter from any quarter. I was two years in the mountains without tasting bread, salt, coffee, tea or sugar. I was for years without a bed, a roof. I have been six months without a shirt on my back, and passed whole nights without a morsel of anything to eat, not even a drop of water to quench my parching thirst."  
I thank God for it, and would most gladly exchange my present situation for like again."  
So wrote the pioneer priest in 1849 and almost 100 years later his message, as Helene Magaret recovers it from faded letters, is more dynamic than the day it was written.

**MARKET REPORT**  
Courtesy McRae Mill & Feed Co.  
Heavy hens ..... 8 to 9c lb.  
Leghorns ..... 7c  
Broilers ..... Lb. 14c  
Eggs ..... 17c doz  
Geese ..... 50c - 60c each  
Ducks ..... 20c - 25c each  
Turkeys ..... 10 to 12c lb.

**Answer to Cranium Cracker**  
Questions on Page One  
1. Bottled up at Dunkirk after the retreat in Flanders, Allied forces were believed doomed, but heroic evacuation under heavy German fire was credited with saving force of 335,000 men about the beginning of June.  
2. British forces reportedly poorly equipped, were repulsed in their attempts to land at Nammos, Norway, and the fall of that country came a few days later.  
3. After the French armistice, British fleet attacked French ships at Oran to prevent their use by Germany. A large portion of the French fleet was destroyed or incapacitated.  
4. British and "Free French" forces made an abortive attempt to seize the French African port of Dakar in mid-September.  
5. Coventry was devastated by what was probably the most intense air raid in history in mid-November.

**OUT OUR WAY**  
By J. R. Williams  
HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

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Another Blkrieg  
By Edgar Martin  
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What's the Nt Move  
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By Roy Crane  
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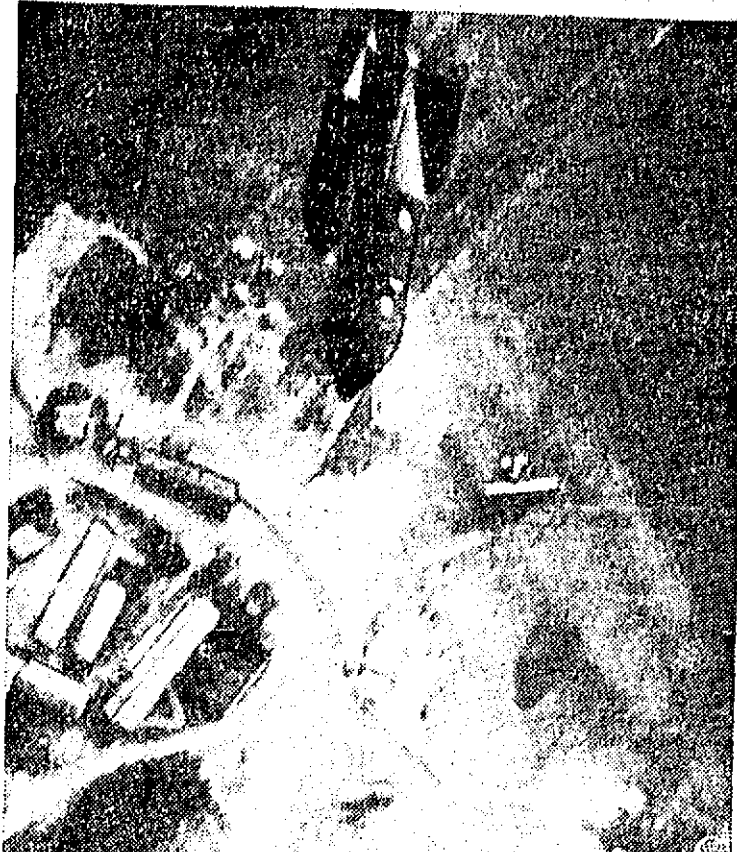
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## Canine "Life Guard" Takes a Hand



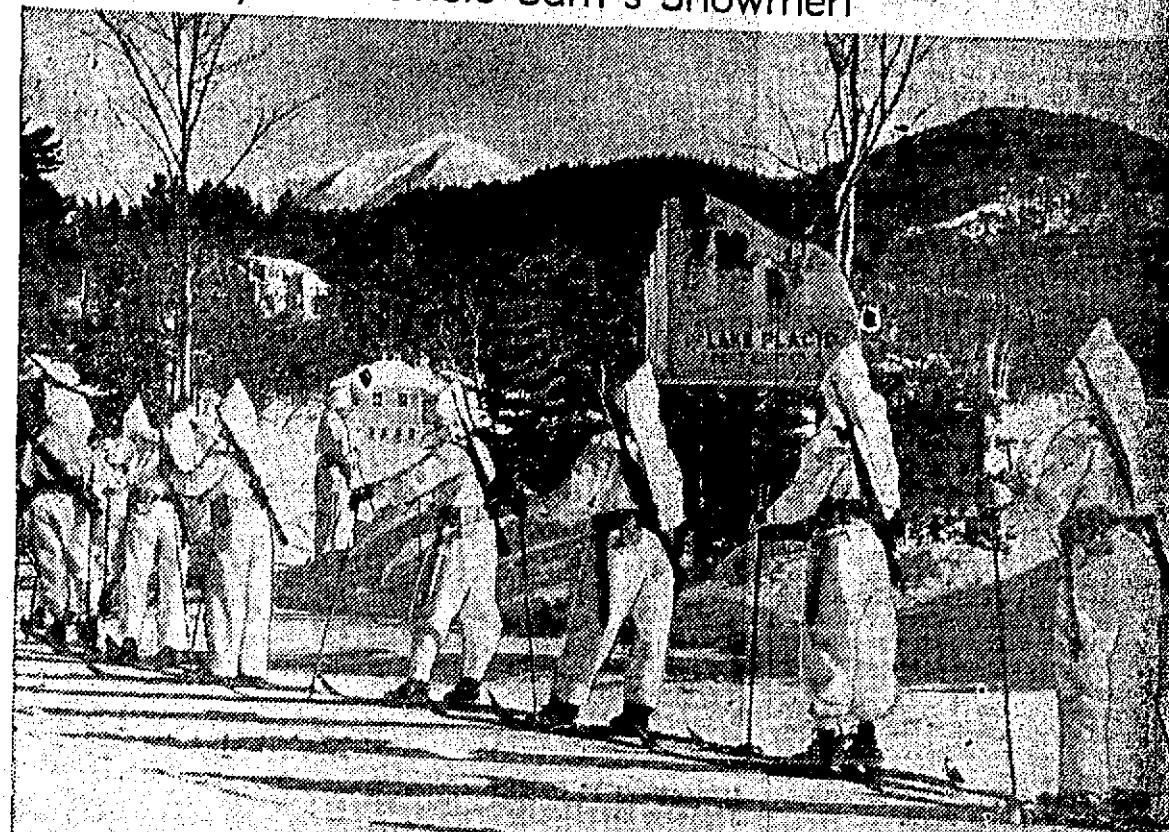
A handy pooch to have around... here folks swim is King Serlus, III, a 150-pound Newfoundland dog, belonging to Kitty Davis, Miami Beach nightclub operator. Serlus, trained as a life-saver, is pictured above, demonstrating his skill with his mistress. Although he can pull in a distressed swimmer by seizing a hand in his mouth, his grip is so gentle his teeth don't leave a scratch.

## Diving Toward Destruction



The bomb seen plunging earthward in this photo, passed by German censor, is heading for the flying field at Worcester, England. Photo was taken from German plane during the raid. Note plane on field at right.

## Schooldays for Uncle Sam's Snowmen



Uncle Sam has paid close attention to the many lessons in military matters afforded by Europe's wars. One of the first was given by Finland, which sprang some new things in winter fighting. Fruit of the lesson was the formation of the U. S. Army's own white-uniformed ski unit. Some of its 110 picked men, of the 26th Infantry, are pictured above, practicing at Lake Placid, N. Y.

## "They Also Serve..."



The Red Cross Tea Room in Ottawa, Canada, can boast of a pretty swanky as of waitresses. Tray-toters, volunteers like the rest of the restaurant's staff, are society debs. Also some of them are seen getting orders filled by Leo Deslaurier, one of Canada's notches.

## War's Lightning Strikes Twice



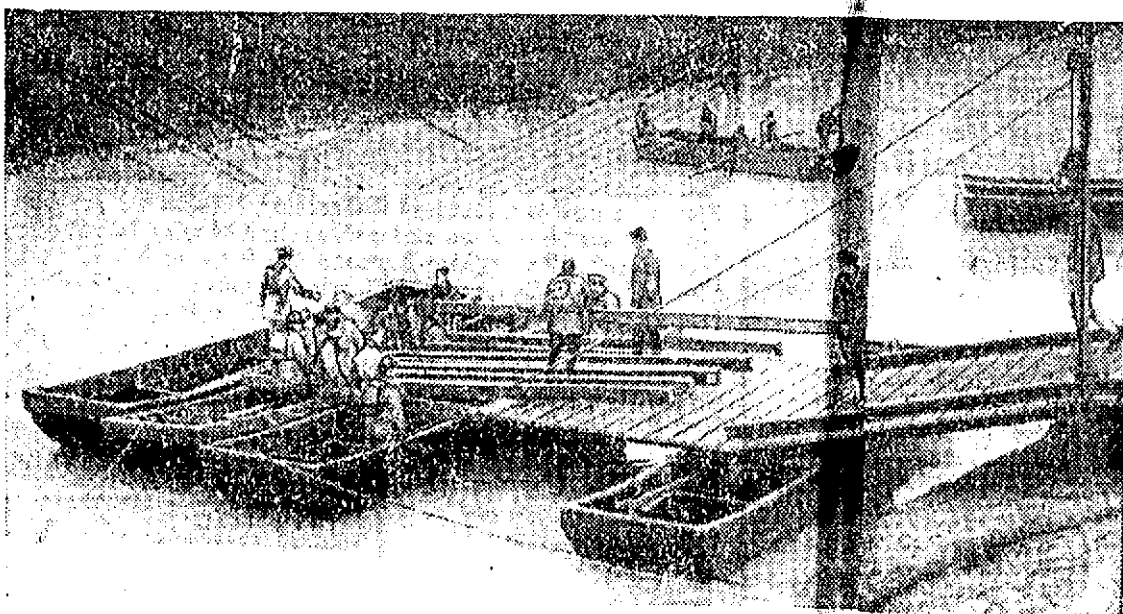
Mrs. E. Clayton and her daughter, Doris, wear cheerful smiles in the above photo because war's lightning struck at them twice—but they escaped unhurt. A bomb struck their London home, but they were safe in their Anderson shelter. They moved to new quarters, taking the shelter along. They're pictured after it saved them again when their second house was blasted.

## They Fly in Flocks, Now



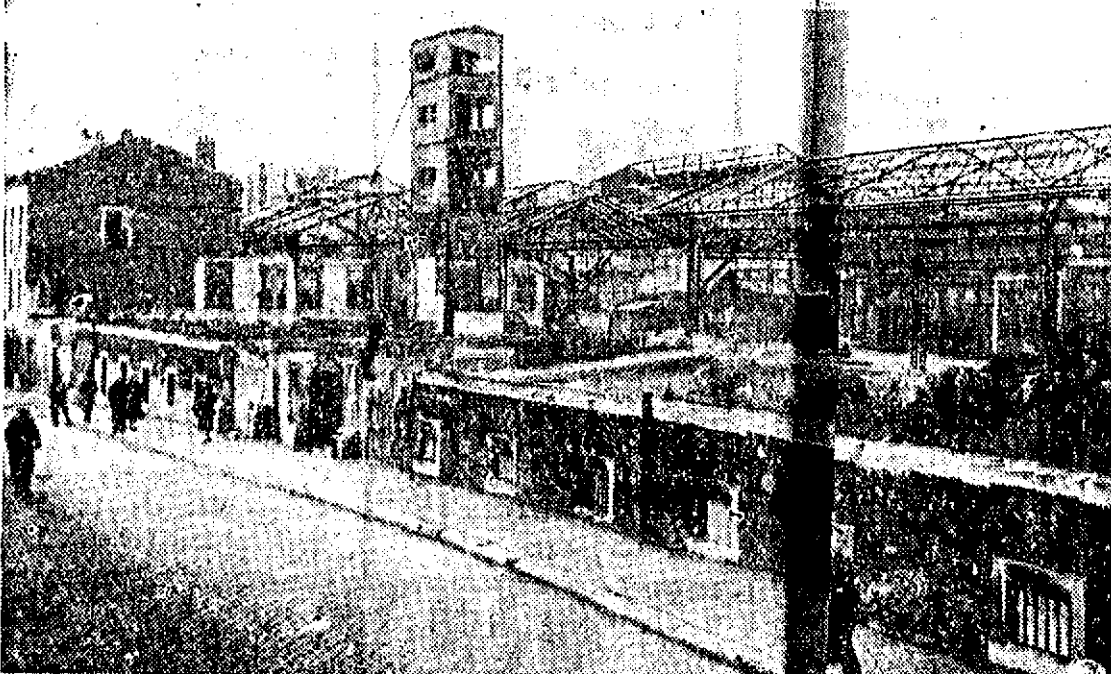
Lead by Jean Gosselin, famous one-legged skier, Quebec's junior champions Marc Fortier and Eddie Dion swoop off from the summit of Mont St. Castin at Lac Beauport, forming spectacular picture against the frozen Canadian landscape.

## "Don't Cross Your Bridges..."



"Don't cross your bridges until you build 'em" might be the Army's phrase of the old motto. Above, after cutting a road through dense woods, such as appear on the bunk, engineers of the First Armored Division, Fort Knox, Ky., are building pontoon span over which tanks crossed later.

## Germans Destroyed It—They'll Help Freh Rebuild



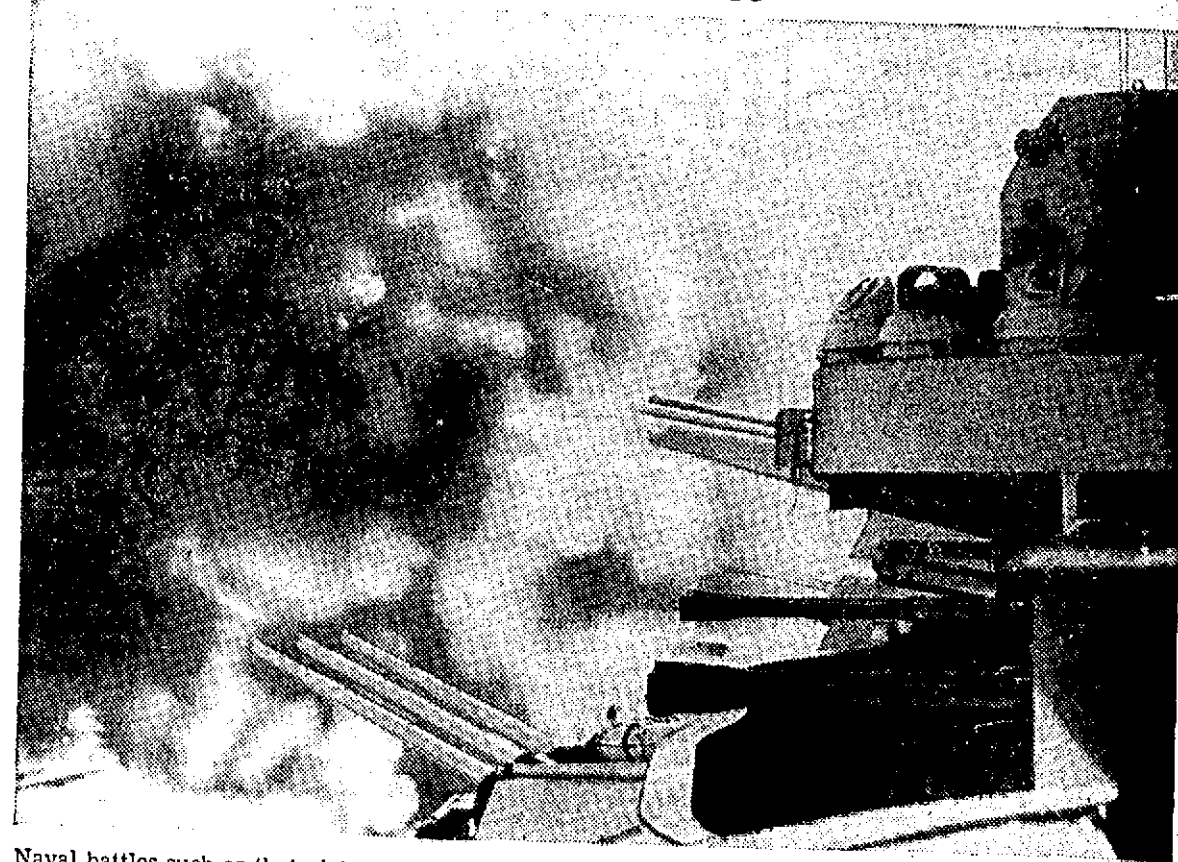
During air raids on Paris last June, German warplanes blasted this town where the famed Citroen automobiles—the French "Fords"—were built. Now German military authorities will collaborate with French in rebuilding it, according to German-censored on photo.

## Revolutionary "Kicker" for Planes



E. E. Myers, New York inventor, demonstrates his new auxiliary airplane motor of revolutionary design, which, he thinks, can increase fighter planes' speed bursts by as much as 200 miles per hour and add 85 per cent to present bomber loads. New "kicker" is not unlike "rocket" motors, using the blasts of explosions of a new liquid fuel which army experts call "as powerful as TNT."

## Il Duce's Navy Gives... and Takes



Naval battles such as that pictured here will be repeated on a bigger and better (for Italy) scale in 1941, according to a recent Roman forecast, that Axis powers would carry the war to Britain at sea with "growing naval forces." Action shown in these newly arrived pictures occurred when British Mediterranean fleet caught Italians off Sardinia. At top, according to Italian censor, an Italian warship hurls a big-gun broadside at the British. Below, shells splashing perilously close to an Italian ship attest the marksmanship of Royal Navy gunners.





## Paralyzed Girl

WILKINSON, Texas.—(A) Aline Thompson, 13, is in control of her legs and arms, exercising control over her right leg is far from idle.

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